OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: HALE FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S LIAISON FOR CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT)

DATE 5/2/02 **CC:** FILE

During their meeting in DC last December, the Governor and Dr. Michael Porter discussed Harvard providing a Governor's Cluster Liaison to Mississippi. The Liaison will provide a link between the Governor's Office, the Mississippi Technology Alliance and MDA to support statewide cluster development efforts. As described in the attached description, the Liaison will deliver a strategic plan for cluster development, two assessments of the cluster development and a case study. I've attached the position description for your reference.

Harvard has solicited applications for this position and has provided a recommendation to us on the potential liaison. Emmet Seibels' resume is attached for your review. He is an Alabama native, but went to school at Ole Miss and is very eager to return to Mississippi.

Harvard was initially considering having a Mississippi delegation fly up there to interview and Boyd indicated that you would be the staff person to handle this. Harvard is now going to send Seibel here to interview. I have provided Lyn Stabler of the Technology Alliance with your name, so she will be calling you with details as to dates, etc. She is actually housed at the Stennis Space Center's Center of Higher Learning and her number is 228-688-2420. Her email address is Lyn.Stabler@usm.edu.

Thanks!